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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Camouflage at Tyuratam

In our view, the US should take the position that the camouflage net over a silo at the Tyuratam test range is inconsistent with the SALT process. We should pursue this subject with Ambassador Dobrynin with the objective of achieving a cessation of this practice.

In our view, this issue should not be raised as a compliance issue under the Interim Agreement. Our case would be weak, and raising the subject in this context would inevitably lead to unproductive debate over whether or not certain provisions of the Interim Agreement are applicable to test ranges, rather than to resolving the deliberate concealment problem posed by this practice.

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